

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE



In the application of:

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Serial No: 09/462,695
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For: Improved Papermaking Screenplate
& Method of Construction
Art Unit 1723
Examiner: Matthew O Savage

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
UNDER RULE 1.53(d)(1)

Applicants respectfully request continued prosecution of
this application under Rule 1.53.

Cancel claims 1-11.

Add the following claims:

12. A papermaking screenplate comprising an assembly of elongate strips, a plurality of spacer cross bars located between adjacent strips to define open ended slots between the assembly of strips, the spacer cross bars having a thickness defining the width of slots between adjacent strips, the spacer cross bars in an assembled screenplate being separated from each other at intervals approximately equal to two to twenty times the length of spacer cross bar, and the screenplate having an open area of up to 27%.

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13. A papermaking screenplate comprising an assembly of

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